

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the first paragraph on page 7 of the specification beginning with "Referring now to Figure 3" as follows:

Referring now to Figure 3 there is shown an alternative embodiment. The closure 110 includes a sealing arrangement ~~140~~ which is identical to that shown in Figures 1 and 2, except that there is an additional inner plug seal 190 is out of the well-known 'olive seal' type in which the outer surface 195 includes a curved projection 196 for engaging the inner surface 186 of the neck finish ~~175~~.

Please amend the second paragraph on page 7 of the specification beginning with Figures 4a to 4c as follows:

Figures 4a to 4c show the advantageous operation of the sealing arrangement ~~140~~ once the closure 110 has been fully screwed on to the neck finish ~~175~~. Because the closure 110 is intended for use with carbonated beverages, the internal pressure in the container acting on the closure will increase over time. This results in doming of the top plate 115, as shown progressively in Figures 4a to 4c. As the top plate 115 domes the plate 115 is effectively splayed apart from the sidewall 120 and the top plate pivots upwards. The result is that the sealing strip 145 is pulled upwards with respect to the guide surface 165. Because the friction between the sealing strip 145 and the guide surface 165 is minimized the sealing strip is allowed to move with respect to the neck finish in such a way that it can easily find a new sealing position. Because the strip 145 still contacts the guide surface 165 it is still pushed towards the finish so that the seal is still strong. In addition, because the clearance 170 is curved it is maintained throughout doming, so that even with the top plate fully domed the strip 145 is not compressed by the abutment member 155 except perhaps by the projection. This means that even during doming the removal torque is still reduced due to the clearance 170.